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FCC Mail Room

Page 1 Dear, Mr. Genachowski Oct, 1ST, 2012

I hope this letter finds you in good Spirits. My name is Michael Yeatts, and I am an inmate at the Lawrenceville Correctional Center in Lawrenceville Va. I don't know that my letter is going to change anything, but I am writing you to speak out about how it cost almost \$8.00 dollars a call for me to call home to my family and children. The VA D.O.C only offers 2 payment options when calling home, that's collect and debit. Collect calls are between 6 to 8.00 dollars a call, and debit calls are about 5.00 for 20 minutes. Neither of these payment options can be used to call cell phones. My mother called the prison phone company "Global tel link" and tried to set her phone up so that I could call home and they gave her a hassle telling her that... She needed to fax them a copy of her cell phone bill and her

helping get something changed in regards to the high cost of phone calls, please don't hesitate to contact me. I have 6 years left and I can't even communicate with my family or kids by telephone because of the high rates that it cost.

It's no secret that the warden allows the officers to bring cell phones in to sell to the inmates, but then soon as the cell phones are caught in an inmate's possession, he gives the inmate a street charge and ships that person to a higher security prison.

Well, I myself am trying to get home to my family, so I'm not going to buy a cell phone from an officer, only to get more time in prison when I end up getting caught with it.

However it would be really nice to see some changes made in the VA Doc on the high cost of phone calls being so high. And I will fight tooth and nail until I see some changes.

Recently this year there was a young man who was stabbed to death here, because the gang members went into his cell to rob him, but as he went to fight back, he and his cell partner was stabbed but his partner survived. When the news paper came out, the warden had the nerve to

Say the young man who lost his life died of natural causes. So if the administration will tell a lie like that to cover themselves you can imagine they don't care about making any changes to the high cost of phone calls so people can talk to their families.

I hope you will get this letter and spread my concern out to the public and hopefully together I can help make some changes.

I look forward to your response as soon as possible sir. Thank you ~~and~~ and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Michael Yeatts

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light bill in order to Set up an account so that I could call her. Global tel link has been known for excepting money for payment plans and then never unblock the phone.

Whats really unfare is that people who live in the richmond or petersburg area only pay 1.00 a call but all other areas are 5 to 8.00 dollars a call. The inmates here at the lawrenceville Correctional Center has requested to the warden to look into other phone services or payment options so that people such as myself can communicate with our family and children. But the warden has no instrested at all in our requests.

Im in the process of writting up an article on how the VA Dac. continues to go up on the phone and canteen prices but dont want to provide any jobs for the inmates to pay for canteen or our phone calls. So any help that I can be in